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1. AT MAY 17 OECD COUNCIL MEETING, US REP, PER INSTRUCTION, ASKED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, STATING WASHINGTON WAS GIVING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO SEC-GEN'S VIEWS AS CONVEYED INFORMALLY AND BILATERALLY (REF B). DUTCH AND BELGIANS REFUSED TO DISCUSS 140TH OR 141ST CCG REPORTS UNTIL DECISION MADE ON EXCEP-TIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL CCG-RELATED ITEMS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23:

(A) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ISSUE C (77) 59
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(B) 140TH CCG REPORT - GENERAL REVIEW OF SALARIES

(C) AND 141ST CCG REPORT - 80 PERCENT COST OF LIVING ADVANCE.

2. COUNCIL DID HOWEVER HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ISSUE. WITH EXCEPTION

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OF US AND JAPAN, ALL MAJOR COUNTRY DELEGATIONS SPOKE INDICATING THEY HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS THAT EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT EXIST. GERMAN AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, WHILE TAKING FIRM LINE THAT THEY DID NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO HAVE FINDING OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ON FIRST ROUND, POINTED OUT THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW POSSIBLE DEFECTS IN 133RD CCG REPORT FORMULATION DURING ALREADY-SCHEDULED REVIEW OF 133RD REPORT IN JANUARY 1978.

3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF IMPLEMENTING OUR OBJECTIVES WE WOULD BE FOLLOWING WISE COURSE IF WE WERE TO ACCEPT SECGEN'S POSITION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF POSITIONS NOW STATED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS ON COUNCIL RECORD, IT WOULD BE AN UPHILL BATTLE TO CONVINCE OTHER DELEGATIONS. IN CIRCUM-STANCES, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE PICK UP GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S POINT AND DEFER ANY CONSIDERATION OF DEFECTS IN STATISTICAL SAMPLE TO JANUARY REVIEW WHILE PROCEEDING TO APPROVE 140TH CCG REPORT.
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